ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

ENDORSEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 48 AS AMENDED (DECEMBER 9, 2014)

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (Commission) to establish policies and procedures for reviewing and approving or disapproving all proposed postsecondary credit courses offered in the State of Alabama by any non-Alabama institution of education; and

WHEREAS, these institutions must also be licensed or statutorily exempt from licensure to do business by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education; and

WHEREAS, an interagency Memorandum of Agreement designed for cooperation and articulation between the Commission and the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education exists; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acknowledges both regional and national accreditation recognized by the United States Department of Education and extends approval to non-resident institutions accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the Commission extends approval to for-profit ,public, and non-profit non-resident institutions based upon its protocols for programmatic review; and

WHEREAS, the Commission currently participates and supports the regional reciprocity agreement: Southern Regional Education Board Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission endorse the tenets of the Governor's Executive Order #48 as amended on December 9, 2014 and pledge its support to the Reciprocity Committee as it deliberates and seeks resolution of pending issues for Alabama's participation in SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become a part of the minutes of the March 20, 2015 meeting of the Commission.

Andrew G. Linn, Jr., Chairman

Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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Executive Director